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SUBJ: PLANNED EXHIBIT ON TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT

1. CHINESE SOURCES HERE HAVE TOLD WEST GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT AN EXHIBIT IS BEING PLANNED NEXT MONTH TO GIVE THE TRUE BACKGROUND OF LAST APRIL'S "TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT," WHEN A MASSIVE DISPLAY OF RESPECT FOR THE LATE PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI TURNED INTO AN UGLY DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE REGIME. THE EXHIBIT WILL PRESUMABLY DOCUMENT CHARGES NOW SURFACING THROUGHOUT CHINA THAT THE "GANG OF FOUR" ENGINEERED THE INCIDENT TO SIDETRACK THE PRO-CHOU DEMONSTRATION AND TO JUSTIFY THE DISMISSAL OF TENG HSIAO-PING.

2. COMMENT: THE EXHIBIT, IF IT IN FACT OCCURS, WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE CHARGE MADE AT THE TIME THAT TENG WAS THE BACKSTAGE MANAGER OF THE RIOTING. IF IT PROVIDES "PROOF" THAT TENG WAS UNFAIRLY MALIGNED BY THE FOUR LAST APRIL, IT WOULD BE THE MOST EXPLICIT INDICATION TO DATE THAT THE CAMPAIGN FOR HIS REHABILITATION IS SUCCEEDING.

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